

REMARKS

The specification of the subject U.S. patent application, as filed, as constituted by the verified translation of PCT/DE2003/004099 has been cancelled in favor of the concurrently submitted Substitute Specification. A suitable Abstract of the Disclosure has been added. These changes and additions do not constitute any new matter.

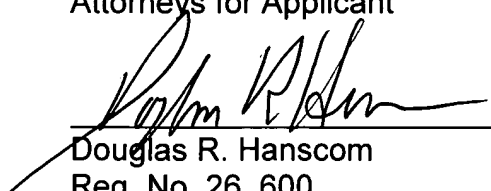
Original claims 1-49 and Article 19 claims 1-3, 11-17 and 25-29 have been cancelled. New claims 50-92 have been presented. New claims 50-92 are essentially the same, in scope, as the claims currently pending in the PCT application. They have been rewritten more in a form in accordance with U.S. practice and eliminating multiple dependencies.

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment into the file of the subject U.S. patent application, prior to an examination of the application on the merits, and prior to the calculation of the filing fee, is respectfully requested.

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